

Uses environmentally responsible paper

ANU uses a Loooooooooot of Paper!

In 2003, the Australian National University purchased over **199 tonnes** or approximately 80,000 reams of copy paper for use in its departments, at a cost of over \$400,000! If these reams were stacked on top of each other they would reach a height of over 4 kilometers—21 times taller than Telstra tower! However, only 30% of this was recycled content paper; with the balance being environmentally unsound, virgin white paper that is sourced from old growth and plantation forests. This includes brands such as REFLEX, which is sourced from the destruction of forests in Victoria's Central Highlands and Gippsland - Melbourne's domestic water supply catchments and habitat to threatened species such as the Powerful Owl, Sooty Owl, Tiger Quoll and Spotted Tree Frog. (Wilderness Society, 2004).

Recycled content paper makes more cents at home... and abroad.

Although virgin fibre papers may appear cheaper initially, they have enormous hidden costs. **Over-logging of Australian native forests has negative environmental, social and economic consequences** that will affect us all, and eventually have to be paid for. Both at home and abroad, healthy forests are crucial for a reliable supply of high quality water to cities, towns and farms. In Australia, forests also have the added benefit of keeping salinity at bay in agricultural areas, lowering water table levels, helping preserve biodiversity, as well as providing a priceless social resource for rest and recreation. The Wilderness Society recommends avoiding papers which do not provide information regarding the source of the fibre used to make the paper, as often this paper comes from countries like Brazil and Indonesia which may have no environmental considerations in the manufacturing process and poor human rights records.

How to help: Buy recycled content paper! Two Types exist: Pre Consumer and Post Consumer

Recycled content paper falls into two categories: **Post consumer** recycled content paper is made from paper that has already been used at least once, and then recycled. **Pre-consumer** recycled content paper is made of materials diverted from the waste stream during a manufacturing process, such as off-cuts from timber mills and paper production, and is therefore still sourced from virgin fibre. Remember the differences when choosing what paper your department uses.



"Evolve" 100% post cons recycled

Recycled content paper used successfully by ANU printing and more than ten other departments!

Evolve paper (100% recycled content) has been trialled successfully by University Printing who reported no more paper jams than experienced with virgin fibre paper. Evolve is now used successfully by over 10 campus departments in black and white and colour printers. The use of EXP 50R and EXP 60R papers is also increasing throughout the uni.

Remember if you are recycling paper but not buying recycled content paper you are only doing half the job!

Recycled content paper available from Corporate Express (prices as of Nov 04)

Brand Name	Description	CE Order Code	*Price per ream (excl GST)
Evolve Office	100% Post Consumer Recycled	8677 9955	under \$6
Exp Green 50/50R	50% recycled (pre&post consumer)	6215 5050	just over \$5

- **Environmentally unfriendly** brands of copy paper include **Reflex, Exp 800, Exp 2000**.
- Negotiations are underway with Corporate Express to reduce the cost of recycled content copy papers.

Check out these other very useful links to find out more about different brands of environmentally responsible or preferred paper.

www.wilderness.org.au/member/tws/projects/Forests/off_paper.html

www.resource.nsw.gov.au/officebuildings

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